

### Remarks

Favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Following the amendments, claims 15-31 are pending in the application, with claim 15 being in independent format.

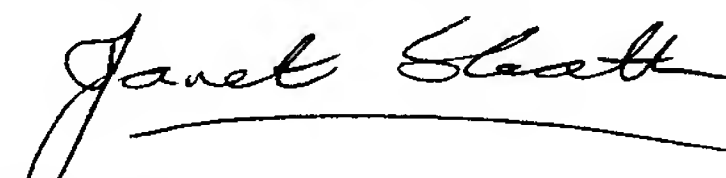
A marked-up version and a clean version of a Substitute Specification are submitted herewith. The specification has been amended to correct minor typographical and translational errors and to conform the specification to US practice. No new matter has been added to the Substitute Specification.

Original claims 1-14 have been cancelled and rewritten as newly added claims 15-31 in order to correct minor translational errors and to conform the claims to US practice.

It is urged that support for all the above amendments may be found throughout the specification as originally filed and that none of the amendments constitute new matter. It is further submitted that the above amendments are not being made for reasons of patentability and therefore do not give rise to prosecution history estoppel.

Early consideration and allowance of the amended application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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